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Honorable Louis L. Stanton
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10007-1312

**Re: Paul Philippe of Romania v. Christie's Inc.
Case No. 1:25-cv-01151-LLS**

Dear Judge Stanton:

Our firm represents Defendant Christie's Inc. ("Christie's") in connection with the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Section 1(E) of Your Honor's Individual Practices, we write to request an adjournment of the Show Cause Hearing presently scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p.m. We apologize for not making this request more than 48 hours before the court appearance in accordance with this section, as (i) Christie's only received the relevant documents today and not 48 hours before the scheduled hearing, and (ii) our firm was just retained today to handle this matter.

As this Court is aware, Plaintiff commenced this action seeking replevin of a painting, *Saint Sébastien* (the "Painting"), by the Spanish artist Doménikos Theotokópoulos, widely known as El Greco. Christie's respectfully requests that the Show Cause Hearing be adjourned to March 3, 2025, to allow Christie's time to file an interpleader counterclaim pursuant to Rule 22 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as Christie's does not own the Painting and has received an additional claim to the Painting. In the interim, Christie's agrees to maintain and take appropriate measures to safeguard the Painting.

This is Christie's first request for an adjournment. We have consulted with Plaintiff's counsel, who consents to the requested adjournment. Other than the Show Cause Hearing, no other dates have been scheduled in this matter.

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Accordingly, Christie's, with the consent of Plaintiff, respectfully requests that the Show Cause Hearing scheduled for tomorrow, February 12, 2025, be adjourned to March 3, 2025, or a future date determined by the Court. We thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Patella'.

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cc: All Counsel of Record